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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: ALLEGED REBATING BY PAKISTAN INTER-  
NATIONAL AIRLINES

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1. REFTEL INFO CONVEYED TO PANAM WHICH WILL NOW PROCEED TO FIRM UP ARRANGMEENTS. TICKET HAD ALREADY BEEN ORDERED FROM TRAVEL AGENCY AND PANAM IS CONTACTING MERY TO ARRANGE FOR COMPLETION OF PURCHASE. PANAM OFFICIAL NOT KNOWN TO TRAVEL AGENCY WILL ACCOMPANY MERY WHEN TICKET IS PICKED UP IN ORDER THAT THERE BE THIRD PARTY WITNESS TO TRANSACTION WHOSE TESTIMONY CAN ALSO BE RECORDED IN SEPARATE AFFADAVIT SUPPORTING THAT PREPARED BY MERY.

2. INCIDENTALLY, ACCORDING PANAM, TRAVEL AGENCY TOLD MERY THAT TICKET WILL BE ISSUED BY PIA'S LONDON OFFICE, THOUGH PRESUMABLY IT WILL BE DENOMINATED IN FRENCH FRF. AS REQUIRED BY GOF REGULATIONS FOR TRAVEL ORIGINATING IN FRANCE. THIS SUGGESTS THAT IN ADDITION TO DISCOUNTING ON NORTH ATLANTIC FARE, PIA IS CONTRAVENING GOF REGULATION TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF FAVORABLE FRENCH FRANC-STERLING EXCHANGE RATE. WE ASKED PANAM TO BE SURE THAT MENTION OF TRAVEL AGENCY'S STATEMENT RE LONDON ISSUANCE BE MENTIONED IN AFFADAVIT, SINCE IT IS NOT SURE THAT LONDON CONNECTION WOULD BE EVIDENCED ON TICKET.

3. SUBJECT TO DEPT.'S CONCURRENCE, WE SUGGEST THAT AS OF DEC. 20, I.E., ONCE DEC. 18 FLIGHT IS OVER AND DEPOSITIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN FROM MERY AS WELL AS PERHAPS  
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OTHER PASSENGERS, WE INFORM DGAC OF DEVELOPMENTS BOTH AS

REGARDS PIA DISCOUNTING AND FURTHER/POSSIBLE VIOLATION  
GOF REGULATIONS IN VIEW LONDON CONNECTION. WHATEVER  
ACTION USG THUS TAKES AGAINST PIA WOULD BE REINFORCED IF  
GOF WERE THEN ALSO TO INITIATE INVESTIGATION AND TAKE  
POSSIBLE ACTION AT THIS END. (NEW GOF REGULATIONS PRO-  
VIDE FOR FINES AND/OR PRISON SENTENCES FOR SUCH VIO-  
LATIONS, AND DGAC MIGHT FIND IT CONVENIENT DEMONSTRATE  
PROMPTLY AT PIA'S EXPENSE, THAT IT IS PREPARED ENFORCE  
THOSE PENALTIES).

4. MERY AND PANAM OFFICIAL EXPECT EXECUTE THEIR AFFA-  
DAVITS AT EMBASSY DEC. 17. WHEN PANAM OFFICIAL ASKED  
WHETHER MERY SHOULD HANDCARRY ORIGINAL OR COPY OF AF-  
FADAVITS TO GIVE CAB ON ARRIVAL NEW YORK, WE ASKED THAT  
MERY HANDCARRY COPIES. IN VIEW OF LIKELIHOOD OF FORMAL  
ACTION BEING TAKEN AGAINST PIA BY USG AS RESULT THIS  
VIOLATION, WE FELT THAT ORIGINAL OF AFFADAVITS SHOULD  
REMAIN IN EMBASSY'S POSSESSION AND BE FORMALLY TRANSMIT-  
TED TO CAB THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS.

5. PANAM UNDERSTANDS MERY IS QUITE PREPARED SUBMIT TO  
QUESTIONING UNDER OATH AND TO HAVE HIS COMMENTS RECORDED  
IN DEPOSITION OR ON TAPE. MERY CURRENTLY PLANS TO RE-  
TURN PARIS ON DEC. 21. PANAM IS GIVING HIM SOME PER DIEM  
(\$100) TOWARD COVERAGE HIS EXPENSES IN THE US AND MERY  
WILL PAY THE DIFFERENCE. WE PRESUME DEC. 21 DEPARTURE  
WILL PROVIDE CAB WITH AMPLE TIME TO COMPLETE THE TAKING  
OF NECESSARY TESTIMONY FROM MERY.

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